

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Atty. Docket

JACQUES LE BERRE

PHF 96,574B

Serial No. TBD

Group Art Unit 2711

Filed: CONCURRENTLY

Examiner V. SRIVASTAVA

Title: METHOD OF OPERATING AN APPARATUS INTENDED TO PERMIT
ACCESS TO SERVICES

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 4-6 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (twice amended) A method of operating apparatus comprising the steps of:
- permitting access to services provided on subscription by a first provider; [,] and [;]
 - preventing access to services provided on subscription by a second provider until [after the subscription from the first provider has continued for a certain period or length of time] after the subscription from the first provider is put into use for the first time and after the subscription has continued to be used until a later different second time.

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